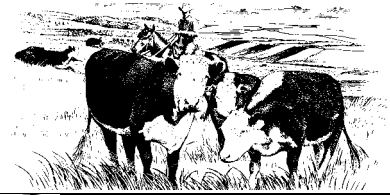


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cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 369 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 365 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 591 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 515 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.19 million, 7 percent above 2001 and 5 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 45.0 thousand during July, 24 percent below 2001, but 2 percent above 2000.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 485 thousand head on August 1, 2002, the same as last month, but 2 percent above August 2001. During July, placements of 59.0 thousand head were up 5 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 56.0 thousand head were 17 percent above July of 2001. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.09 million head on August 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below August 1, 2001 and 1 percent below August 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.84 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.80 million. During July, placements of

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 7 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for feedlots with 1,000+ head capacity totaled 8.75 million on August 1, 2002, down 7 percent from the previous year and 1 percent below August 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Marketings during July totaled 1.89 million, 7 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000. Other disappearance during July was 36.0 thousand head, 29 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number On Feed July 1 ^{1/}			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	291	291	100	44	26	36	31
California	470	485	103	56	59	48	56
Colorado	1,110	1,030	93	195	190	240	225
Iowa	345	350	101	35	44	54	72
Kansas	2,350	2,160	92	570	510	485	520
Nebraska	1,900	1,890	99	320	400	400	495
Texas	3,000	2,850	95	510	390	495	490
Seven-State Total	9,466	9,056	96	1,730	1,619	1,758	1,889
State	Other Disappearance During July ^{2/}		Number On Feed August 1		2002/2001		
	2001	2002	2001	2002			
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	2	1	297	285	96		
California	3	3	475	485	102		
Colorado	5	5	1,060	990	93		
Iowa	1	2	325	320	98		
Kansas	15	10	2,420	2,140	88		
Nebraska	10	5	1,810	1,790	99		
Texas	15	10	3,000	2,740	91		
Seven-State Total	51	36	9,387	8,750	93		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2001-02 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	15,425	15,277	99	105,800	105,200	99
All Cows:	5,872	5,824	99	43,000	42,900	100
Beef	4,799	4,752	99	33,900	33,750	100
Milk	1,073	1,072	100	9,100	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	2,436	2,457	101	16,400	16,200	99
Beef Replacement	859	826	96	4,600	4,600	100
Milk Replacement	517	518	100	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	1,060	1,113	105	8,200	7,900	96
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,659	1,599	96	14,600	14,500	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	265	260	98	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	5,193	5,138	99	29,700	29,500	99
Calf Crop	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	5,607	4,595	4/	38,280	38,400	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ January-June calf crop for 2002 only.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during July 2002 totaled 117.1 million pounds (dressed weight), up 5 percent from last month and 28 percent above July 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,274 pounds; calves 126 pounds; and hogs 230 pounds.

UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in July, up 10 percent from the 3.64 billion pounds produced in July 2001 and a new record high for July.

July 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. July 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.43 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year and a new record high for July. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.19 million head, up 8 percent from July 2001. The average live weight was 1,248 pounds, up 32 pounds from July a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.7 million pounds, 6 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 95.7 thousand head, up 15 percent from July 2001. The average live weight was 290 pounds, down 22 pounds from July a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year and a new record high for July. Hog kill totaled 8.07 million head, 8 percent above July 2001. The average live weight was 260 pounds, unchanged from July a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.3 million pounds, was down 4 percent from July 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 257.6 thousand head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, down 13 pounds from July a year ago.

January - July red meat production was 27.0 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2001-02 a/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	88.5	113.6	111,237	144,736	1,257	1,274
U.S.	2,942.5	3,187.1	3,577,258	3,977,918	1,216	1,248
CALVES						
California	8.9	11.6	1,414	1,469	160	126
U.S.	83.3	95.7	25,942	27,798	312	290
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
U.S.	243.5	257.6	34,185	32,649	140	127
HOGS						
California	181.8	207.5	40,364	47,651	222	230
U.S.	7,447.6	8,067.5	1,936,790	2,101,406	260	260
RED MEAT	July 2001	June 2002 b/	July 2002	July 2002 July 2001	July 2002 June 2002	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	91.4	111.7	117.1	128	105	
U.S.	3,644.7	3,812.4	4,016.0	110	105	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

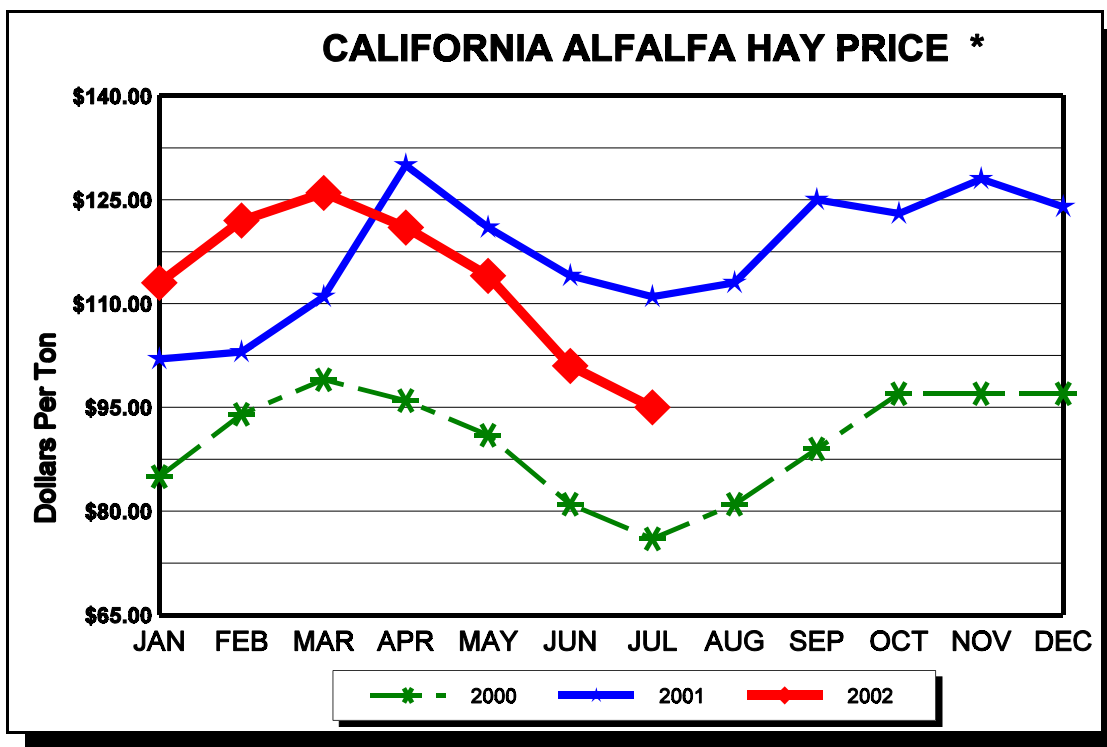
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 2001	June 2002	July 15, 2002	July 2001	June 2002	July 15, 2002
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	109.00	98.00	92.00	96.30	95.80	93.60
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	111.00	101.00	95.00	105.00	102.00	102.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	51.70	35.80	38.20
Cows 2/	Cwt.	40.00	37.00	37.00	42.90	39.30	37.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	73.00	65.50	65.00	75.00	67.00	66.10
Calves 2/	Cwt.	94.00	80.00	79.50	108.00	94.80	93.20
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	29.50	22.00	---	34.10	25.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	68.00	72.50	---	64.30	72.80	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,650.00	---	1,800.00	1,590.00	---	1,670.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.26	10.50	10.20	16.20	11.60	11.20

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



* Includes All Qualities

Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service